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IN ANCIENT DAYS, HERCULES WAS THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. THROUGH HIS DEEDS AND COURAGE, HE BECAME FAMOUS AND BELOVED ACROSS THE KNOWN WORLD. HE WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST SUPER HERO, AND SET THE STANDARD FOR ALL HEROES THAT CAME AFTER HIM.

BUT IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS FAME AND CELEBRITY. HE HAS BECOME NOTORIOUS FOR HIS DRUNKEN ANTICS, HIS UNRULY BEHAVIOR AND HIS DEBAUCHED LIFESTYLE. THE SUBJECT OF GOSSIP AND SCANDAL, HE HAS BECOME AN IRRELEVANCE.

HERCULES BEGAN TO CLEAN UP HIS ACT AND RESTORE HIS REPUTATION, BUT A MYSTERIOUS THREAT CALLED THE UPRISING STORM HAS DESCENDED ON HIS CITY. WITH ALL THE MODERN HEROES LOCKED IN THE CIVIL WAR, HERCULES HAS RECRUITED ANCIENT HEROES OF THE OLD DAYS OF MYTH TO CHALLENGE THE STORM. IT'S THEIR LAST CHANCE AND THEIR LAST STAND... AND THE FATE OF THE WORLD DEPENDS ON THEM...

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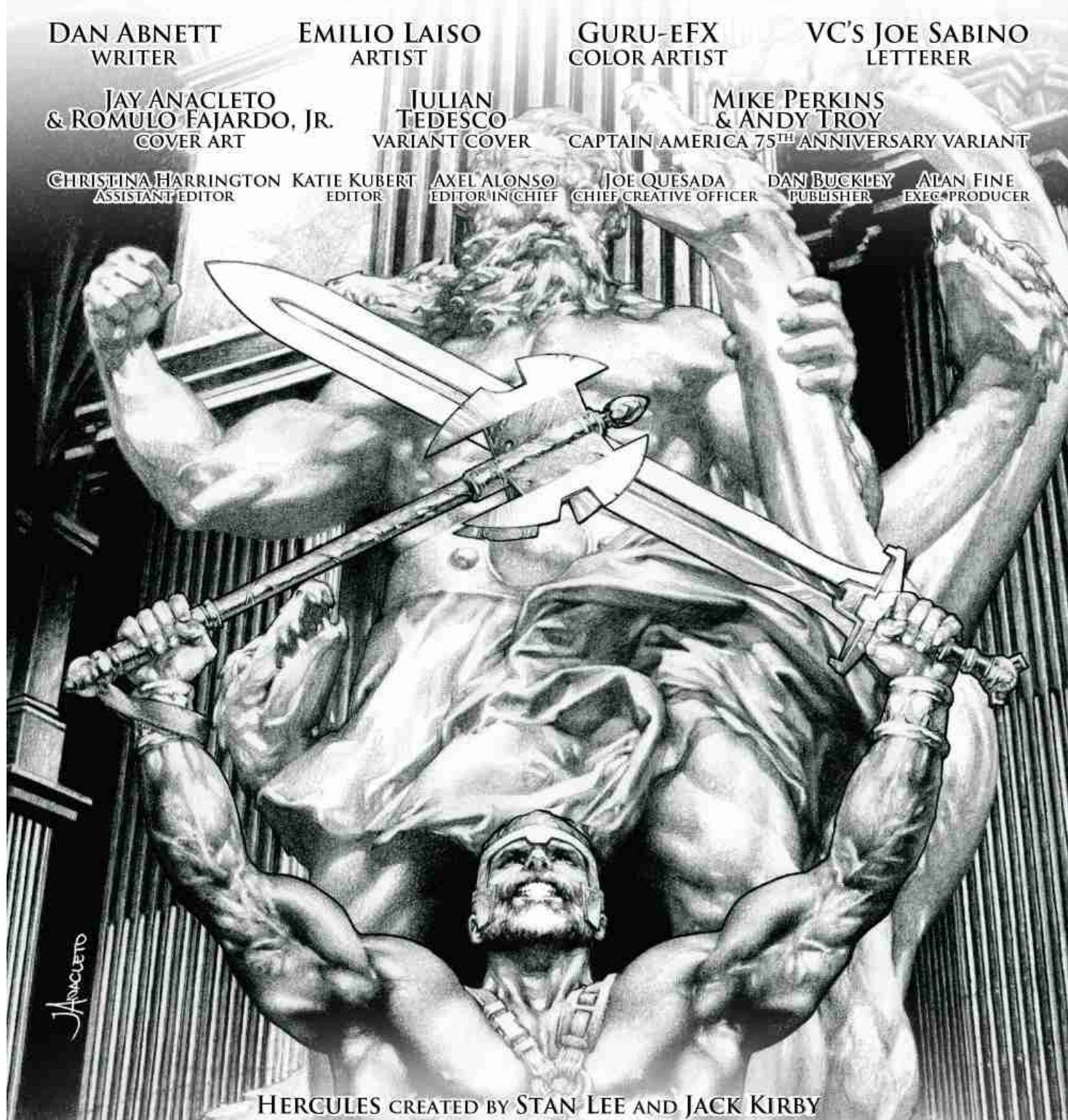
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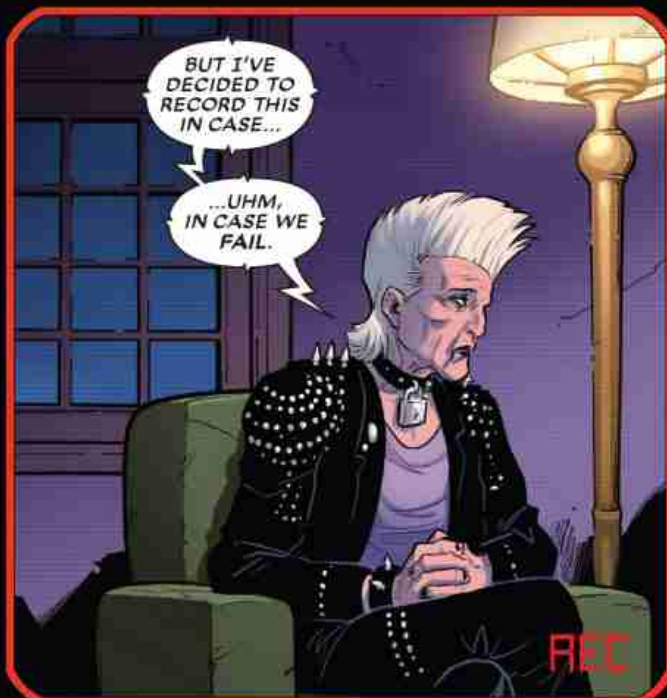
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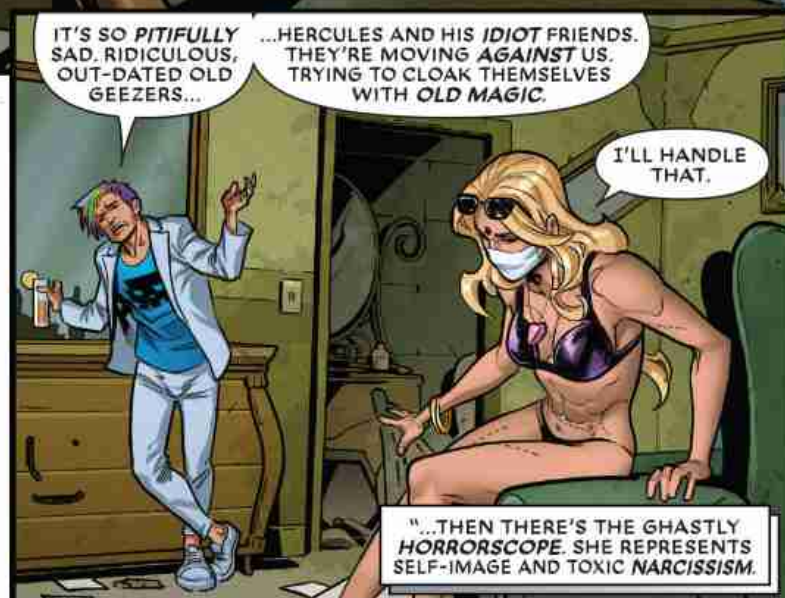




"HERE'S WHAT
WE KNOW. WE'VE
FOUND THE
STORM'S LAIR.

"A DERELICT
HOTEL ON
LONG ISLAND.

"HERCULES--ALONG WITH
THESEUS, BEOWULF, SIGURD
AND GILGAMESH--WILL BE
HITTING IT THIS AFTERNOON."





"IF IT ALL GOES TO PLAN, OUR
HEADY BREW OF SORCERY
WILL SEVERELY **WEAKEN**
THE STORM'S POWER."



THERE!
THE MONSTER
IN HIS VERY
LABYRINTH!

KILL
HIM!

"AND THESEUS, BEOWULF
AND GILGAMESH--MIGHTY
HEROES OF MYTH, EACH
ONE OF THEM--ARE
LOADED FOR BEAR."

"AND THEY HOPE THEIR
FIREPOWER IS ENOUGH
TO WOUND THE MAGICALLY
WEAKENED STORM GODS."



BOLLOCKS.

IT
AIN'T BLOODY
WORKIN'.











GIVEN THAT
WE'VE SHRUGGED
OFF **EVERYTHING**
YOU'VE THROWN
AT US UP TO NOW,
JERK-ULES...

...WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK **THIS**
ROUND IS GOING
TO GO ANY
DIFFERENT?

KRUNCHHHH



NNGGG--
GG--KKK

SO, YOU HAVE
SOME **INSIGHT** NOW.
OUR ATTEMPTS TO **TURN**
YOU HAVE ALLOWED
YOU A **GLIMPSE** OF
OUR SECRETS.

LIKE WHERE
WE WERE
HIDING.

**BIG
WHOOOP.**



A-ND...
T-HEY'VE
S-SHOWN ME
W-WHAT YOU
ARE.

UNH--
W-WHAT YOU
WANT.



IT'S
ALL ABOUT
DESTRUCTION.
CHAOS.

YOU SEE,
ALL ALONG, WE
THOUGHT THE
STORM HAD
A PLAN.

A "RULE
THE WORLD"
PLAN.

AN
"EXTERMINATE
THE GREAT HEROES
AND THE GODS OF
OLD AND REPLACE
THEM" PLAN.

"THE STORM ARE GODS
CREATED BY THE MODERN
AGE. BORN SPONTANEOUSLY
FROM ITS EXCESSES
AND FLAWS.

"THEY ARE NOT LIKE
THE ANCIENT GODS,
WHO PURSUED THE
GRAND DESIGN OF
LIFE.

REC



"THEY ARE SYMPTOMS.
ALLERGIC REACTIONS
TO MODERNITY.

"AND THEY
HAVE NO PLAN.
THAT IS THEIR
TRUE HORROR."



Y-YOU
WANT THE
W-WORLD TO
B-BURN AND
DIE.

Y-YOU
JUST WANT TO
DESTROY.

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HELD AT BAY
BY THE FELL POWER
OF THE STORM, LIKE
ALL THINGS OF
OLD. KEPT MUTE.

BUT THOU,
HERAKLES, WITH
ONE FOOT IN THE
MORTAL WORLD,
WERE FREER
TO ACT.

AND
THOU HAST
BROKEN THEIR
DOMINION.



I COME TO
MAKE THEE AN
OFFERING OF
THANKS, GOD TO
MAN, FOR THE REST
OF THE WORLD WILL
NOT RECOGNIZE
THY LABOR
TODAY.

I CARE
NOT.
ALIVE.
GOOD.

THOU
CAREST NOT?



I'VE SPENT TOO LONG CHASING
GLORY AND ADULATION. IT'S
BEEN MY DOWNFALL.

THE ROLE
OF THE
HERO...

I HAVE BEEN
TOO CONCERNED
ABOUT BEING
KNOWN AS
A HERO.

JUST BEING
A HERO IS WHAT
MATTERS.

THOU HAST
GROWN WISE,
HERAKLES.

I'VE
GROWN, FULL
STOP.



WILT THOU
COME WITH ME
TO OLYMPUS? A
PLACE IN GLORY
AWAITS THEE THERE.
THOU HAST BEEN
TOO LONG IN
THIS WORLD.

NO. ALL I'VE
EVER DONE UP TO
THIS HOUR IS LEARN
WHAT IT MEANS TO
BE A TRUE HERO.

NOW THE
REAL WORK
BEGINS.

HERAKLES?
THOU HAST
EVER BEEN THE
GREATEST OF
HEROES.

WHY SPEAKETH
THEE AS THOUGH
THOU ART YET
BEGINNING THY
STORY?

nnnnnn...

BECAUSE
I AM.



SO, FINGERS
CROSSED, WE'VE
GOT THIS.

I HOPE YOU
NEVER KNOW
HOW GRAVELY THE
STORM THREATENED
YOUR LIVES AND THE
LIVES OF EVERYONE
YOU CARED
FOR.



BUT IF YOU
ARE WATCHING
THIS, THEN
WE HAVEN'T
SUCCEEDED.

PLAY BACK
WHAT I'VE SAID,
TAKE NOTES,
AND DO YOUR
BEST.

THE WORLD
NEEDS YOU
NOW.



THOUGH
SERIOUSLY, MY
LOVELIES, IF HERCULES,
THE FIRST AND GREATEST
SUPER HERO OF ALL, CAN'T DO
THIS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT
CHANCE YOU MODERN
JOHNNY-COME-
LATELIES STAND.

HO HUM.
I'M SURE YOU'RE
AWFULLY GOOD.

I HOPE
YOU'RE NOT
PUT TO THE
TEST.



RIGHT. I'M
GOING TO GET
SOPHIA TO TEACH
ME HOW TO SEND
THIS TO YOU
THROUGH THE
INTERWEBS
THING.

JUST IN
CASE.

IN THE OLD
DAYS, OF COURSE,
I'D COMMUNICATE
THIS SORT OF IMPORTANT
MESSAGE VIA A
DIVINE VISION.

BUT
I TOTALLY
GET THAT, THESE
DAYS, THAT KIND
OF THING SCARES
THE WILLIES OUT OF
PEOPLE, SO
INTERWEBS
IT IS.



TOODLE-PIP,
LUVS.

MAY WE ALL
LIVE TO FIGHT
ANOTHER DAY.

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